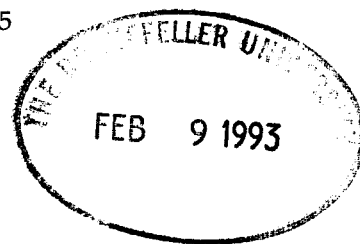




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Dear Josh,

I have just finished reading Lily Kay's *The Molecular Vision of Life*. You praise the book in a blurb on the jacket, but I have just written to Lily telling her that I think the book is a monstrosity. What I would like to find out is how you and I can differ so radically about a mere book! There are some good things in it--its discussion of the "Protein Paradigm," for example, and some of the sketches of Caltech people (but not that of Morgan, who is treated shabbily). But all these things are swallowed up in the incredible conclusion of the work, which is that molecular biology is a great conspiracy, with the Rockefeller Foundation and Caltech at its center, aimed at gaining control over the human race through science.

You have to read the book through to the end--especially the Conclusion--to learn what it has been building up to. A real "post-modern" vision. I am wondering if you actually read it through to the end. It is not an easy book to read, and I probably wouldn't have gone to the bitter end myself if I weren't retired!

Yours,

  
Norman Horowitz 